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1. U.S. Patent No. 6,347,433, published February 19, 2002.
2. European Patent Application Publication No. 1 353 488, published October 15, 2003.
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